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CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY PROGRAM BRINGS CHEER TO CHILDREN

NIANTIC, Conn. – Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces the ninth annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny," on Saturday, April 15, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at Camp Rell in Niantic.

The day will consist of Guard members and their children meeting the Easter Bunny, an Easter egg hunt, Easter baskets and a breakfast. More than 400 people are expected to attend.

The focus of this family event is the children of Guard members who have been deployed and who are currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Since September 11, 2001, the Connecticut National Guard has made the Family Support Program a top priority.

Currently, more than 1,000 soldiers are alerted, mobilized and/or deployed in support of the Global War on Terror.

This event is open to the media.